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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Endangered and Threatened Species; Receipt of Recovery Permit Applications

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of permit applications; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, have received applications for permits to conduct activities intended to enhance the propagation or survival of endangered or threatened species under the Endangered Species Act. We invite the public and local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies to comment on these applications. Before issuing any of the requested permits, we will take into consideration any information that we receive during the public comment period.

DATES: We must receive your written comments on or before **[INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*]**.

ADDRESSES: *Document availability and comment submission:* Submit requests for copies of the applications and related documents and submit any comments by one of the following methods. All requests and comments should specify the applicant name(s) and application number(s) (e.g., **TEXXXXXX**).

- *Email:* permitsr8es@fws.gov.
- *U.S. Mail:* Daniel Marquez, Endangered Species Program Manager, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Region 8, 2800 Cottage Way, Room W–2606, Sacramento, CA 95825.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Daniel Marquez, via phone at 760–431–9440, via email at permitsr8es@fws.gov, or via the Federal Relay Service at 1–800–877–8339 for TTY assistance.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on applications for permits under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). The requested permits would allow the applicants to conduct activities intended to promote recovery of species that are listed as endangered or threatened under the ESA.

Background

With some exceptions, the ESA prohibits activities that constitute take of listed species unless a Federal permit is issued that allows such activity. The ESA’s definition of “take” includes such activities as pursuing, harassing, trapping, capturing, or collecting in addition to hunting, shooting, harming, wounding, or killing.

A recovery permit issued by us under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA authorizes the permittee to conduct activities with endangered or threatened species for scientific purposes that promote recovery or for enhancement of propagation or survival of the species. These activities often include such prohibited actions as capture and collection. Our regulations implementing section 10(a)(1)(A) for these permits are found in the Code of Federal Regulations at 50 CFR 17.22 for endangered wildlife species, 50 CFR 17.32 for threatened wildlife species, 50 CFR 17.62 for endangered plant species, and 50 CFR 17.72 for threatened plant species.

Permit Applications Available for Review and Comment

Proposed activities in the following permit requests are for the recovery and enhancement of propagation or survival of the species in the wild. The ESA requires that we invite public comment before issuing these permits. Accordingly, we invite local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies and the public to submit written data, views, or arguments with respect to these applications. The comments and recommendations that will be most useful and likely to influence agency decisions are those supported by quantitative information or studies.

Application Number	Applicant, City, State	Species	Location	Activity	Type of Take	Permit Action
TE-12069D	Ryan Layden, Oceanside, California	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conservancy fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta conservatio</i>), • Longhorn fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta longiantenna</i>), • San Diego fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta sandiegonensis</i>), • Riverside fairy shrimp (<i>Streptocephalus woottoni</i>), • Vernal pool tadpole shrimp (<i>Lepidurus packardii</i>) 	CA	Survey	Survey, capture, handle, release, and collect vouchers	New
TE-122026	Tracy Bailey, Ridgecrest, California	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • San Bernardino Merriam's kangaroo rat (<i>Dipodomys merriami parvus</i>), • Stephens' kangaroo rat (<i>Dipodomys stephensi</i>), • Pacific pocket mouse (<i>Perognathus longimembris pacificus</i>), • Morro Bay kangaroo rat (<i>Dipodomys heermanni morroensis</i>) 	CA	Survey	Capture, handle, and release	Renew
TE-41340D	Ariana Rogers, San Leandro, California	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • California tiger salamander (Santa Barbara County and Sonoma County Distinct Population Segment) 	CA	Survey	Capture, handle, and release	New

		(DPS)) (<i>Ambystoma californiense</i>)				
TE-191704	Dana Terry, Pleasant Hill, California	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conservancy fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta conservatio</i>), • Longhorn fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta longiantenna</i>), • San Diego fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta sandiegonensis</i>), • Riverside fairy shrimp (<i>Streptocephalus woottoni</i>), • Vernal pool tadpole shrimp (<i>Lepidurus packardii</i>), • California tiger salamander (Santa Barbara County and Sonoma County Distinct Population Segment (DPS)) (<i>Ambystoma californiense</i>) 	CA	Survey	Survey, capture, handle, release, and collect vouchers	Renew and Amend
TE-808241	Sonoma County Water Agency, Santa Rosa, California	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • California tiger salamander (Sonoma County Distinct Population Segment (DPS)) (<i>Ambystoma californiense</i>) • California freshwater shrimp (<i>Syncaris pacifica</i>) 	CA	Survey	Capture, handle, and release	Renew
TE-42300D	Kelli Camara, Soquel, California	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • California tiger salamander (Santa Barbara County and Sonoma County Distinct 	CA	Survey, restore habitat,	Capture, handle, relocate, release, swab, and collect	New

		Population Segment (DPS)) (<i>Ambystoma californiense</i>) • Santa Cruz long-toed salamander (<i>Ambystoma macrodactylum croceum</i>)		collect genetic data	tissue	
TE-811188	Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains, Topanga, California	• Tidewater goby (<i>Eucyclogobius newberryi</i>)	CA	Survey	Capture, handle, and release	Renew
TE-820658	AECOM Technical Services, San Diego, California	• Conservancy fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta conservatio</i>), • Longhorn fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta longiantenna</i>), • San Diego fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta sandiegonensis</i>), • Riverside fairy shrimp (<i>Streptocephalus woottoni</i>), • Vernal pool tadpole shrimp (<i>Lepidurus packardii</i>), • California tiger salamander (Santa Barbara County and Sonoma County Distinct Population Segment (DPS))	CA	Survey and nest monitor	Capture, handle, release, and monitor nests	Renew and amend

		<p>(<i>Ambystoma californiense</i>),</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Southwestern willow flycatcher (<i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i>), • Least Bell's vireo (<i>Vireo belli pusillus</i>), • California least tern (<i>Sternula antillarum browni</i>) (<i>Sterna a. browni</i>), • Quino checkerspot butterfly (<i>Euphydryas editha quino</i>) • Pacific pocket mouse (<i>Perognathus longimembris pacificus</i>), • Tipton kangaroo rat (<i>Dipodomys nitratoides nitratoides</i>), • Giant kangaroo rat (<i>Dipodomys ingens</i>), • Unarmored threespine stickleback (<i>Gasterosteus aculeatus williamsoni</i>), • Light-footed clapper rail (light-footed Ridgway's r.) (<i>Rallus longirostris levipes</i>) (<i>R. obsoletus l.</i>) 				
TE-027427	Jeff Alvarez, Sacramento, California	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • California tiger salamander (Sonoma County Distinct Population Segment 	CA	Survey, research, and conduct	Capture, handle, release, collect vouchers, and	Renew

		(DPS)) (<i>Ambystoma californiense</i>) • Conservancy fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta conservatio</i>), • Longhorn fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta longiantenna</i>), • San Diego fairy shrimp (<i>Branchinecta sandiegonensis</i>), • Riverside fairy shrimp (<i>Streptocephalus woottoni</i>), • Vernal pool tadpole shrimp (<i>Lepidurus packardii</i>)		educational workshops	collect tissue	
TE-64124A	Sean Rowe, Weldon, California	• Southwestern willow flycatcher (<i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i>)	CA	Survey	Survey	Renew
TE-63440B	Daniel Thompson, Las Vegas, Nevada	• Mount Charleston blue butterfly (<i>Icaricia (Plebejus) shasta charlestonensis</i>)	NV	Genetics research	Capture, handle, collect tissue, collect vouchers, and release	Renew and Amend
TE-181714	Pieter Johnson, Boulder, Colorado	• California tiger salamander (Santa Barbara County and Sonoma County Distinct Population Segment (DPS)) (<i>Ambystoma californiense</i>)	CA	Ecological and disease research; invasive species control; pond draining	Capture, handle, swab, and release	Amend
TE-844645	Richard Kann,	• Quino checkerspot	CA	Survey	Capture, handle,	Renew

	Sunland, California	butterfly (<i>Euphydryas editha quino</i>), <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delhi Sands flower-loving fly (<i>Rhaphiomidas terminatus abdominalis</i>) • Palos Verdes blue butterfly (<i>Glaucopsyche lygdamus palosverdesensis</i>) • Casey's June Beetle (<i>Dinacoma caseyi</i>) 			and release	
TE-049175	Melanie Dicus, Black Canyon City, Arizona	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quino checkerspot butterfly (<i>Euphydryas editha quino</i>), • Delhi Sands flower-loving fly (<i>Rhaphiomidas terminatus abdominalis</i>) 	CA	Survey	Survey	Renew
TE-092622	Gabriel Valdes, Gilbert, Arizona	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Southwestern willow flycatcher (<i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i>) 	AZ, CA, NM, TX	Survey	Survey	Renew

Public Availability of Comments

Written comments we receive become part of the administrative record associated with this action. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can request in your comment that we withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public disclosure in their entirety.

Next Steps

If we decide to issue permits to any of the applicants listed in this notice, we will publish a notice in the *Federal Register*.

Authority

We publish this notice under section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

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Sacramento, California.

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